

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Prior Application:

Ken-ichi HAYASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1725

Application No.: New Rule 1.53(b) Div.
Appln.

Examiner: Maria Alexandria Elve

Filed: July 21, 2003

Attorney Dkt. No.: 59556.00005

For: MARKING METHOD AND MARKING APPARATUS USING MULTIPLE
PHOTON ABSORPTION, MARKED OPTICAL ELEMENT MANUFACTURED BY
USING THE MARKING METHOD AND THE MARKING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 21, 2003

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. This Preliminary Amendment complies with the amendment format as set forth in the OG Notice at 1267 OG 106, published on February 25, 2003. .

Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 2.

Remarks are submitted on page 5.